

Statement of Amy J. LiVolsi
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Good Morning Senator Looney and Representative Janowski, members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee.

My name is Amy LiVolsi. I am honored to be nominated by Governor Rell for appointment to the Freedom of Information Commission, and I thank you for inviting me here this morning. Two men I greatly admire served here - my grandfather as a State Representative, and my former employer as a State Senator - so I am truly cognizant of the honor of appearing before you.

I know that you have a copy of my resume, so I will be brief. I graduated from Boston College in 1991, and Widener University School of Law in 1994. After passing the bar exam, I clerked in Stamford Superior Court working for both the administrative and presiding judges. I began the active practice of law in 1997, working as an associate in two busy practices. From 2004 - 2008, I worked as in-house counsel for real estate developer. I started my own practice in 2008. My practice focuses on transactional work, mainly real estate and development. In the early years of my practice, I had experience as a litigator.

I had the honor of serving my City for several years. I was appointed to Stamford's Board of Ethics in 1996, and served as its Chair from 1997 through my resignation in 2009. I resigned because in 2009, I was asked to join the Board of Directors of Charter Oak Communities, which is the entity formerly known as the Stamford Housing Authority. I presently serve on that Board.

I am privileged to serve my State as a member of the Statewide Grievance Committee serving on a local panel. This is my second term of service. However, my service in this regard is about to end, as my final term is about to expire.

I have served in many capacities working with my local bar association - the Fairfield County Bar Association - and as a young lawyer with the local chapter of the Connecticut Bar Association.

I am a lifelong resident of Stamford where I live with my husband, and two young sons, and where I serve on the Parent Board at both schools my boys attend.

I believe my experience in applying the facts to the law while serving on the Board of Ethics and the Grievance Panel would serve me well if I am appointed to the Freedom of Information Commission. If I am appointed, I would be proud to serve the State of Connecticut.

I appreciate your attention and welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you may have for me. Thank you.